

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
3 a) identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a graphical user interface;
4 b) associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical user interface; and
5 c) determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid utilizing the
6 graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract cost, an
7 invoice cost, and a landed cost associated with the distribution of the item.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating reports for each of the
2 items utilizing the cost model.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the reports is for a plurality of the
2 items.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the cost model identifies a source and a
2 destination of the item.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the cost models are available for
2 being associated with the item.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the item is identified and the cost model
2 associated with the item utilizing a network.
- 1 7. A system for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a graphical user
4 interface;
- 5 b) logic for associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical user
6 interface; and
- 7 c) logic for determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid utilizing
8 the graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract cost, an
9 invoice cost, and a landed cost associated with the distribution of the item.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, further comprising logic for generating reports for each of
2 the items utilizing the cost model.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein at least one of the reports is for a plurality of the
2 items.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the cost model identifies a source and a
2 destination of the item.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein a plurality of the cost models are available for
2 being associated with the item.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the item is identified and the cost model
2 associated with the item utilizing a network.
- 1 13. A computer program product for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing
2 a network, comprising:
- 3 a) computer code for identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a
4 graphical user interface;
- 5 b) computer code for associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical
6 user interface; and
- 7 c) computer code for determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid
8 utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract

9 cost, an invoice cost, and a landed cost associated with the distribution of the
10 item.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising computer code for
2 generating reports for each of the items utilizing the cost model.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein at least one of the reports is
2 for a plurality of the items.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the cost model identifies a
2 source and a destination of the item.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein a plurality of the cost models
2 are available for being associated with the item.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the item is identified and the
2 cost model associated with the item utilizing a network.